

REMARKS

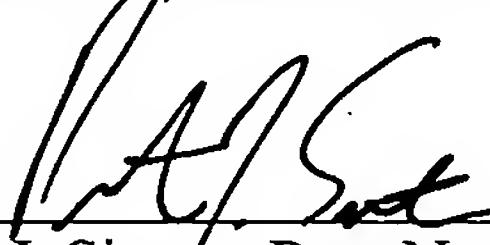
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the claims as amended in this Preliminary Amendment for examination purposes. The instant Preliminary Amendment amends the claims as recited in the Article 34 Amendment dated September 20, 2005, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

CONCLUSION

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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